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REPORT

OF THE

SELECTMEN, OVERSEER OF THE POOR,

AND

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

OF THE

TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH, 1864.

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## AUDITORS' REPORT.

Report of the Selectmen of the Town of Springfield, for the year  
ending March, 1864.

### SELECTMEN'S ACCOUNTS.

The Selectmen charge themselves with the following sums by  
them recieved.

Cash borrowed of Edwin E. Loverin,	\$200 00
Amount of taxes assessed in April, 1863, including non-resident highway tax,	3.079 39
Cash borrowed of Oliver Nichols,	325 00
Nancy C. Luce,	35 00
James McDaniels,	400 00
Joseph Davis, jr.,	600 00
Literary Fund for 1862,	91 50
Joseph Davis, jr., profit on liquor, besides services, of 15 dollars as agent, 6 months,	15 83
Cash of State Treasurer, aid to volunteers families,	1.855 80
Cash borrowed of Fernando G. Lull,	375 00
Betsey A. Johnson,	50 00
Asa Chase, jr.,	200 00
Elihu Chase,	500 00
Israel Sanborn,	800 00
John M. Philbrick,	500 00
Charlotte Davis,	30 00
Samuel Quimby,	350 00
Jeremiah Philbrick,	500 00
Marcus K. Houser,	100 00
Henry Robie,	170 00
Valentine Manahan,	200 00
E. L. Nichols,	50 00
Gary Morgan,	275 00
William A. Nason,	100 00
Lorenda M. Addison,	150 00
Thirzah Kinsley,	150 00
A. D. Holmes,	1.000 00
Daniel H. Adams,	250 00
James Morrill,	120 00
Harriet Morrill,	330 00
Moses B. Morrill,	140 00
Sargent Heath,	130 00



Cash borrowed of James K. Richardson,	100 00
Alamando Heath,	200 00
State bounty for 11 volunteers,	1.100 00
J. E. Babbitt, balance of accounts and note,	5 08
D. N. Adams, Gile & Leavitt, non-resident highway tax for 1862,	2 50
J. Davis, jr., U. S. enlisting fees,	200 00
D. N. Adams, balance of his bond for 1862,	208 92
Whole amount passed into Selectmen's hands,	<u>\$14.889 02</u>

And the Selectmen credit themselves with the following sums  
by them paid out as follows:

#### MINISTER MONEY.

Universalists for 1862,	\$9 90
Christians, for 1863,	7 76
Methodists, for 1862-3,	7 99
	<u>\$25 65</u>

#### SCHOOL MONEY.

Paid Sch. Dis. No. 1,	\$89 28	Paid Sch. Dis. No. 11,	24 89
2,	29 46	12,	26 46
3,	31 17	13,	49 47
5,	47 77	14,	20 20
6,	53 45	Abbott & Boice,	6 51
8,	36 72		
9,	55 52	Amounting to,	<u>\$514 18</u>
10,	43 27		

#### DAMAGES.

John Loverin, damage to self and waggon,	\$22 50
John S. Sanborn, damage on plough,	2 40
Amount of damages,	<u>\$24 90</u>

#### CASH PAID TO VOLUNTEERS' FAMILIES.

Lewis G. Hilborn, 144.00,	Joseph M. Robie, 132.00
Darius K. Davis, 144.00,	Moses J. Adams, 144.00,
Charles M. Colby, 118.00,	Alexander Stevens, 144.00,
John Rollins, 144.00,	Henry T. Sanborn, 144.00,

Moses C. Colcord, 96.00, Francis Nichols, 96.00,  
 David S. Luce, 48.00, John D. Colby, 78.00, George  
 R. Stevens, 144.00, Benjamin F. Hill, 132.00, Amos  
 H. Pillsbury, 36.00, Hiram S. Barber, 24.00, James  
 W. Waler, 8.00, Otis F. Hazelton, 144.00, Reuben F.  
 Stevens, 8.00, Gustavus Loverin, 34.67, James W.  
 Lull, 64.00, John H. Prescott, 46.00, Richard W.  
 Heath, 40.00, John Sanders, 39.00, Richard F. San-  
 born, 60.00, William Rowe, 4.00, John J. Quimby,  
 69.00. Amounting to, \$2.284 67

#### REPAIRING ROADS AND BRIDGES.

A. J. Young, self, hand and team 17 hours,	\$1 34	
Notifying the Selectmen to break road twice,	2 00	
	—	\$3.34
William Thissell, 1 day's work on Clough Hill, 1.00, 75 feet timber, .50, repairing bridge 50,		2 00
Michael M. Davis, 11 3-4 days on New London road by agreement 11.75, work on bridge 50, plank 80, pow- der 25,		13 30
John S. Chase, self and team repairing bridge near J. A. Quimby's,		1 50
Rev. A. Farwell, for 1861-2-3, 200 feet plank 1.00, labor self and oxen 13 hours each 2.17, cutting bushes 1 day 1.00, 112 feet plank and labor 1.25,		5 42
Phineas Messer, bill 1862, by order of Selectmen, self and oxen 1 1-6 days breaking New London road 1.75, breaking in Young's District 1.67,		3 42
Hersey Eastman, 190 feet plank 95, repairing water- course 50, 1 3-4 days work 1.75,		3 20
Moses C. Fowler, 5 1-2 days work 4.75, 200 feet plank 1.00, use of plow 25,		6 00
Aldred H. Fowler, 7 1-2 days work self Barber and others 5.62 horse 25,		5 87
Moses Noyes, 1-2 day self and oxen,		75
James McDaniels, 595 feet plank,		2 97
Uriah Heath, 5 1-2 days work 4.13, going twice to Col- cord's mill after plank 1.50,		5 63
John Heath, 540 feet plank,		2 70
Sylvester Fowler, 320 feet plank,		1 60
Joseph Colcord, 2050 feet plank, delivered to J. S. Chase, Uriah Heath, A. J. Nelson & Washburn,		10 25
John F. Hardy, 300 feet plank 1.50, labor by agreement 2.00,		3 50
Samuel Quimby, 1 day self A. J. Sanborn & Warren, on Perley Road,		2 25



Jeptha Russell, 200 feet plank and drawing,	1 50
Levi S. Heath, 220 feet plank and 70 feet stringers, 1862,	1 50
Austin Lovering, 150 feet plank 75, labor on bridges 50, hand and oxen 1-2 day 75,	2 00
Sargent Heath, 360 feet plank,	1 80
Alonzo Cross, 50 feet plank 25, labor 25,	50
Horace Stevens, 30 feet plank 15, labor 85,	1 00
Ephraim Davis 3 1-2 days self and oxen by agreement on New London road,	7 00
Daniel S. Perley, 900 feet plank,	4 50
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Whole amount repairing roads and bridges,	\$93 50

#### ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Town Farm Tax,	\$11 55
Non-resident Highway Tax, worked out,	7 46
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Amounting to,	\$19 01

#### TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS.

CHARLES McDANIEL, *services as Selectman.*

Appointing school officers in district No. 9, .50, 4  
1-2 days taking inventory, 4.50, 4 days making taxes,  
surveyors warrants, collectors bond, &c., 4.00, 1 day  
making collectors book, 1.00, settling with and appoint-  
ing liquor agent, .50, arranging for fencing Town  
House lot, .50, 1-2 day to examine Smith road by re-  
quest of W. P. Smith, .50, 1-2 day making State and  
county returns, &c., .50, 1-2 day on New London road,  
.50, 1-2 day day J. F. Heselton's road by request of  
E. Chase, .50, attending juror meeting, .50, warning  
town meeting and going to see petitioners, 1.00, 1-2  
day self and team to see Melendy, Smith and others on  
militia business, 1.00, hiring money and settling with  
conscripts. 2.00, warning town meeting, .50, regulating  
juror box and settling with liquor agent, 1.00, attend-  
ing juror meeting, .50, settling John Loverin's damage  
case, 1.00, settling with J. E. Babbitt at Andover, 1.00,  
cash paid for 2 1-2 quires paper, and 6 check lists, 1.50,  
prizing property at town farm, 1.00, 4 days making  
warrants, check lists, settling up with auditors and mak-  
ing report, 4.00, internal revenue stamps, .50,

\$28 50

*On Kidder Case.* Examining road, 1.00, 1-2 day on road case, .50, 1 day at New London and Newport, 1.00, team and expense, 2.85, 2 days to meet commissioners at B. Perley's, 2.00, expense at B. Perley's, 1.40, 2 days on trial, 2.00, expense at B. Perley's, 2.60, cash paid George Morrill witness fees, 2.00, 15 35

*On Militia Business.* 14 days at Enfield, Lebanon, settling with volunteers, and at Concord, 21.00, cash paid James Daley, .50, paid J. Davis, jr., for use of \$100.00 one month, .50, team and expense at Lebanon, 2.35, expense at Lebanon, 1.00, team to Enfield, .75, team and expense at Lebanon 3 days, 7.25, 14 assignment papers, 5.50, paid for 2 telegrams, .81, car fare and expenses going and at Concord, 3.95, use of cash furnished town, 2.50, \$46 11

Whole services, team and expenses, \$89 96

*WILLIAM P. SMITH, services as Selectman.*

4 1-2 days taking inventory, 4 50, 4 days making taxes, 4 00, 1 day appointing highway surveyors, 1 00, 1 day appointing liquor agent, 1 00, making out papers and appointing officers for district No 3, 50, 1 day to see the other Selectmen in regard to the road on Clough hill so. called, 1 00, to attending juror meeting, 50, warning town meeting, 50, 2 days to get subscribers to pay 150 dollars to each conscript who would be accepted, 2 00, 1-2 day to meet the other Selectmen in regard to said conscripts, 50, 1-2 day settling with conscripts, 50, 1 day on Perley road, 1 00, 1-2 day to see the Selectmen to investigate the Perley road, 50, 1 day to see A. J. Kidder head petitioner and his counsel, on Perley road, 1 00, team for the same, 80, 1-2 day at Charles McDaniel's and Davis' in regard to Perley road, 50, 2 days on Perley road, 2 00, summoning Charles D. Sargent and getting other men to assist on the Perley road, 1 00, 1 day on road hearing on Perley road, 1 00, 1 day on road hearing at the town house, 1 00, revising juror box, 50, 1 day borrowing money for soldiers, 1 00, attending juror meeting, 50, settling with liquor agent, 50, 1-2 day on complaint to Benj. Colby's and Solomon Bartlett's road, obstructed by snow, 50, 1- day to see the Selectmen in regard to the last call for soldiers, 50, 1 day on poor farm, 1 00, 1 day settling up, 1 00, 1 day warning town meeting, 1 00, 1 day settling with auditors, 1 00, 1-2 day regulating check list, 50, for making out report, 1 00, \$33 80



1 day's work self, Orra and oxen district No 11, 3 00,  
 use of plow one day, 25, 1-2 day self, boy, oxen and  
 plow on the road in district No 11, 1 50, cash paid for  
 twice summoning Charles D. Sargent on Perley road,  
 2 28, cash paid for board on Perley road hearing, 85,  
 cash paid Solomon Bartlett breaking out the cross  
 road leading from said Bartlett's to Hagg hill, 2 00,  
 cash paid D. N. and D. H. Adams for horse keeping, 45, \$10 33

Whole services and expenses amounts to \$44 13

**JOHN C. NICHOLS, services as Town Clerk.**

Recording 14 marriages, 84, postage, 30, notifying  
 juror meetings, Selectmen and jurors, 2.50, recording  
 sale real estate, 50, stationery, 50, services as Town  
 Clerk, 10.00, \$14 64

**JOHN F. HARDY, Overseer of the Poor.**

1 day buying cow 1.00, 2 days buying oxen 2.00, self  
 and team to New London on pauper case 1.00, 1 day at  
 Newport, team and expenses (Whipple case) 2.50, 1-2  
 day taking affidavits of T. Haley 50, 1-2 day pauper  
 case Z. Messer 50, 1-2 day at town farm 50, 1-2 day at  
 town farm 50, 1 day prizing property at town farm 1.00,  
 1 day settling up bills 1.00, making report 2.50, \$13 00

**JOSEPH DAVIS, JR., services as Collector.**

Collecting 3,079.39 at 008 per cent, 24.63, 1 day  
 settling up 1.00, \$25 63

**DANIEL P. QUIMBY, services as Sup't School Committee.**

48 visits 24.00, examining 25 teachers 6.25, 1 day  
 with commissioner 1.00, keeping commissioner 1.00,  
 paid Oliver C. Heath wood and lights for commission-  
 er's lecture 50, 1 day making report 1.00, \$33 75

**CHARLES McDANIEL, as Committee to aid Vol. Families.**

1 year, \$12 00

**JOSEPH DAVIS, JR., Recruiting Agent.**

20 days labor 30.00, use of team 8.50, cash paid  
 out 35.31, \$73 81

**CHARLES V. PILLSBURY, services as Sup't School Committee 1862.**

1-2 day examining teachers 50, examining 8 teach-  
 ers 2.00, 19 visits to schools 9.50, making report 1.00, \$13 00



## MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

John F. Hardy Overseer of the Poor, (For bills see Overseer's Report.)	\$133 52
John Wiggin for taking care of town house 1.50, fine for Kidder trial 1.00, less 2.00 use of town house,	50
D. L. Guernsey & Co., books and stationery,	10 13
Fogg, Hadley & Co., printing reports 1862,	20 00
Cash paid William E. Melendy note and interest,	1063 50
Abram S. Philbrick on note,	300 00
State tax,	572 40
County tax,	333 07
Auditors,	3 00
P. B. Cogswell blank receipts,	75
Insurance on town buildings,	3 51
Charles M. Colby note and interest,	106 00
L. W. Barton on Kidder case,	22 50
Liquor license Sept. 1862 to Sept. 1863,	22 00
A. D. Holmes note and interest,	1002 00
J. Babbitt int. on Sanders and Austin notes,	19 50
J. W. Waler endorsement on note,	40 00
R. F. Stevens endorsement on note,	20 00
Horace H. Philbrick endorsment on note,	50 00
John Austin jr., note and interest,	180 12
John Saunders note and interest,	154 38
M. K. Howser note and interest,	101 25
Joseph Davis jr., boarding L. W. Barton and team 4 days 4.00, postage and express bill town report 71,	4 71
William H. Quimby fencing around town house,	1 75
William Washburn jr., abatement of taxes for 1861,	3 86
Gilman Sawyer, watering trough,	2 50
Joseph Johnson, watering trough,	2 00
Paul G. Cook, watering trough,	2 00
Daniel N. Adams, N. R. highway tax worked out,	1 20
Daniel N. Adams boarding commissioners and others on Kidder case,	4 00

Whole amount of miscellaneous bills, \$4180 15

## PAID CONSCRIPTS BY ORDER OF THEIR SUBSTITUTES.

Nelson R. Loverin,	\$300 00
Ephraim D. Morgan,	300 00
Orin F. Hill,	300 00
Jonathan Sanborn,	300 00
Jonathan L. Langley,	300 00
Sylvester E. Russell,	300 00
John S. Sanborn,	100 00
John H. Prescott,	50 00

Amount of cash paid conscripts, \$1950 00

*Paid to and for Volunteers:*

Hiram S. Barber,	\$502 00
Reuben F. Stevens,	120 00
James W. Waler,	150 00
A. A. Cox, and A. B. Tinkham, for 8 volunteers,	4435 00
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	\$5207 00

## RECAPITULATION.

Whole amount credited to the town,	\$14,889 02
Paid minister money,	25 65
Schooling,	514 18
Damages,	24 90
Aid to vol's families,	2284 67
Roads and bridges,	93 50
Non-resident, highway,	
worked out and town	
farm tax,	19 01
Town officers' bills,	306 92
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	\$14 889 02

## OUTSTANDING DEBTS AGAINST THE TOWN.

A. S. Philbrick note		Wm. M. Fowler,	135 15
and interest,	\$688 41	C. D. Fowler,	108 12
Samuel Quimby,	2210 00	Solon D. Morrill,	108 12
E. K. Boice,	236 00	Richard W. Heath,	108 12
Sophia Colby,	293 25	Geo. F. Colby,	108 12
Asa Chase, jr.,	425 27	John M. Philbrick,	
Kimball Heselton,	84 27	notes and interest,	944 00
Esther J. Sanborn,	28 00	Jeremiah Philbrick,	1345 50
Eliza Perley,	59 38	Hannah Smalley, note,	147 00
Oliver Nichols,	450 00	Bertram G. Locke,	255 32
Joseph Davis jr., notes,	1256 58	Austin Loverin,	324 73
George B. Robie note,	259 00	Jos. Q. Loverin,	217 30
Betsey A. Johnson,	116 20	Nancy C. Luce,	36 70
James A. Boice,	81 20	Jas. McDaniel notes,	408 00
Elihu Chase,	1055 00	F. G. Lull note,	382 50
Mary Morrill notes,	326 75	Israel Sanborn notes,	814 50
Henry T. Sanborn notes,	109 00	Henry Robie note,	172 20
M. C. Colcord,	217 83	E. L. Nichols,	50 62
R. F. Sanborn,	163 50	Gary Morgan,	278 43
Francis Nichols,	163 50	Wm. A. Nason,	101 00
Valentine Manahan,		Lorenda M. Addison,	151 75
notes,	529 00	Thirzah Kinsley,	151 75
Geo. R. Stevens note,	122 00	D. H. Adams,	252 50



David S. Luce,	109 00	Harriet Morrill note	
Alexander Stevens,	190 60	and interest,	334 40
Ziba S. Eastman,	218 00	Moses B. Morrill,	141 40
H. M. Johnson,	218 00	Sargent Heath,	131 30
James Morrill notes,	339 20	Alamanda Heath,	202 00
Lovell W. Nichols,	305 00	Jas. W. Waler,	363 00
Merrill Robie,	310 00	R. F. Stevens,	484 60
B. R. Randall, note		John H. Prescott,	153 00
and interest,	109 00	John S. Sanborn note	
John Robie note and int.,	108 12	and interest,	204 00
Geo. McDaniel,	189 21	John J. Quimby,	203 00
J. D. Washburn,	189 21	Horace H. Philbrick,	256 00
James K. Richardson,		Daniel P. Quimby,	306 00
notes and interest,	317 24	Minister money unpaid,	16 00
H. B. Fowler, note		School Dis. No. 14,	12 25
and interest,	108 12		
Amounting to,			\$20.993 22

Available funds and property on hand as follows :

Due on Collector's bond for 1863,	\$254 00
Levi S. Heath, note and interest,	34 80
Personal property on town farm,	923 73
Town Farm,	1,337 00
From State for volunteers families,	1,810 67
From the United States	3,522 00
Cash in hands of Charles McDaniel,	16 04
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	\$7,898 24

Leaving the town actually in debt over and above  
available funds, \$13,094 98

All of which is respectfully submitted,

CHARLES McDANIEL, } *Selectmen of*  
WILLIAM P. SMITH. } *Springfield.*

The Selectmen's accounts are well kept, correctly cast and duly  
vouched.

JOSEPH DAVIS, Jr., }  
DANIEL N. ADAMS, } *Auditors,*  
SAMUEL QUIMBY, }

Springfield, Feb. 23, 1864.

## OVERSEER'S REPORT.

*Report of John F. Hardy, Overseer of the Poor for the Town of Springfield for the year ending March, 1864:*

### —THE TOWN FARM,

Dr.—

To amount of personal property on hand as appraised by the Selectmen, February 22d, 1863,

\$791 04

Cash paid Henry H. Philbrick, service of self and wife, one year,

\$125 00

Paid Daniel N. Adams, 1 bush salt 80, palm leaf hats 20, 1 paper seeds 5, 1-4 bush herds grassseed 75, 3 lbs. clover 40, 1 paper seeds 5, 1 cast steel shovel 1 25, 9 yards denim 3 06, 7 yards sheeting 2 45, 1 lb. twine, 33, 1 lb. young hyson tea 1 25, 1 bbl. flour 7 88, 1 bush salt 80, thread 6, 1-4 lb saltpetre 5, 4 lbs bone meal, 24, 1 tea pot 17, 1 bag salt 34, 1 bush meal 95, 1 table cover 95, 4 balls wicking 32, 1 bush meal 1 10, 1 pair boots 3 62, 1-8 gall oil 19, 1 pair buck mittens 92, 2 1-2 yards sheeting 1 00, 1 bbl flour 8 25, 2 bush salt 1 60, 1 whip lash 10, 1 lb tea 1 25, 2 lbs nails 12, 1 oz thread 10, 1 box salt 35, 1 axe helve 25, 1-4 gross matches 15, 1 bbl flour 8 67, 1 almanac 6,

\$50 08

Paid Wm. M. Powers, 10 lbs saleratus 70, 1-2 lb pepper 15, 1-4 gross matches 14, 1 broom 28, 1 lb tea 1 17, 1 bbl Berlin Mills flour 10 00, 1 oz thread 10, 1 axe helve 22, 7 yards sheeting 2 80, 2 lbs nails 12, 1 bushel basket, 6, 1 lb nails 6, thread 5, 1 ball twine 12, 1 bag salt 20, 1 quart oil 31, 8 1-4 lbs fish. 42, 1 box mustard 18, 1 ounce thread 12, 1 bbl flour 8 00, 1 lb tea 1 34, 3 yards cloth 3 60, 2 lbs nails 12,

\$30 66

John F. Hardy, cash paid out: Paid Elerson Emerson 1 cow 29 00, B. S. Morgan 1 pig 2 50, R. S. Morgan 1 cow 27 00, John Randall blacksmithing 3 00; B. F. Simons for threshing 3 16, A. S. Philbrick 4 bushels oats 2 80, Joseph Sulloway mending sap pan and chain 1 10, John Johnson 4 butter tubs 1 35, John F. Hardy 1 pair steers 25.00, 1 pig 1 50, J. C. Nichols, shoe-making 13, William Gilman mending boots 50, Mark Purmort 3 1-2 lbs halibut and 1 tin quart 36, S. Heath mending shoes 17, 2 plugs of tobacco 21, A. Cross use of cider mill 63, C. H. Melendy use bull 1 00, J. C. Nichols taking affidavits of F. Messer 50, H. H. Philbrick 1 heifer, 12 50, 1-2 bush salt 43, 1-2 bush meal, 75,

\$113 59



Paid William Washburn, jr., 1 pig bought 1862, 2 00	
3 meal bags 75, 1-2 bush rye 56, 1 bush rye meal 1 25	
1 bush rye meal 1 25,	\$5 81
Paid Mark Purmort, 2 bush corn, 2 24, 1 bag meal, 2 00,	4 24
Wm. E. Melendy, 1 side hill plow and point,	7 10
Paid Samuel Durgin, 1 pair oxen,	105 00
Paid Fifield Sanborn, mending boots,	1 42
Paid Asa Chase, jr., 21 1-2 lbs herds grass seed, 1 61,	
5 lbs clover 80, 2 scythes, 1 38,	3 69
D. V. Manahan, professional services for A. Heath,	50
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Amount paid out for town farm,	447 10
Paid A. & S. H. Edes for advice on pauper claims,	5 00

## PAID FOR PAUPEBS NOT ON THE FARM.

Paid E. R. Perkins, for support of Margaret Twiss from March 20th, 1862, to March 20th, 1863,	12 00
O. C. Howard, house rent from March 15th, 1863, to March 15th, 1864, for D. Howard,	6 00
Paid Dr. V. Manahan for professional services,	20 90
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Amount paid for paupers not on farm, \$38 90

## PAID COUNTY PAUPERS.

Paid Sarah Carpenter, for support of Ebenezer Whittemore from January 22d, 1863, to Nov. 5th, 1863,	108 25
Paid Hepzibah Richardson for support of Henry Richardson, from January 27th, 1863, to Jan. 26, 1864,	78 00
Paid Adams & Russell, bills for Henry Richardson,	11 37
Paid Thomas Heath for support of Hannah Heath, from Jan. 22d, 1863, to Jan. 23d, 1864,	65 00
Paid W. P. Smith, I. F. Hardy and D. N. Adams, for support of Zaccheus Messer from Feb. 25th, 1863, to January 1st, 1864,	47 38
Dr. V. Manahan, for attendance E. Whittemore,	10 50
" " " " " Hannah Heath,	40 00
" " " " " Henry Richardson,	4 50
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Amount paid for County paupers, 365 00

CR.—Cash received of County of Sullivan, 365 00

## TOWN FARM CREDIT BY PROPERTY SOLD.

5 1-2 lbs. chickens, 5 66, 80 lbs. hide, 8 00, to Daniel N. Adams,	13 66
1 pair oxen to Joseph W. Hill,	95 00
1 calf skin, 1 05, 3 doz. eggs, 36, 5 1-2 doz. eggs, 66, 7 doz. eggs, 84, to William M. Powers,	2 91
1 cow to D. F. Lane,	22 50

70 1-2 lbs. wool to I. Sulloway,	52 88
25 1-4 bushels of potatoes to C. H. Potter,	7 70
2 days work to Sargent Heath, (by H. H. Philbrick,)	1 50
1 axe to H. H. Philbrick,	1 12
1 pelt to Mr. Little,	1 75
1 pelt to John French,	1 50
Received of the County of Sullivan support of Thomas Haley,	21 00
1-2 ton hay to A. S. Philbrick,	4 50
5 lbs. lead pipe to James Johnson,	40
130 lbs. beef to Jonathan R. Addison,	8 46
3 1-2 cords wood to Solomon Clifford,	6 25
12 bushels potatoes to O. C. Howard,	5 00
1 birch stub to John C. Nichols,	50
10 lbs. beef, 70, 2 days work, 2 00, moving threshing machine, .25, use of pasture, 3 00, 2 days work 1 25, to Sargent Heath,	7 20
6 lbs. butter, 1 40, 1-2 days work, 25, 1-2 do. 50, 1-2 do. 48, 3 lbs. tallow, 42, 4 1-2 galls. cider, 36, mak- ing pants, 50, 6 1-2 cords wood, 7 50, to Joseph M. Robie,	11 41
1-4 bush. peas to Charles Pillsbury,	50
3 1-2 quarts molasses to O. D. Thompson,	68
Moving threshing machine,	25
13 3-4 lbs. veal, 55, 1 gall. molasses to Levi Russell,	1 30
2 galls. cider to Oliver Heath,	16
5 1-4 lbs. lead pipe to A. P. Nichols,	42.
5 cords bark to B. H. Goss,	42 50
117 1-4 lbs. butter to Mr. Hanaford,	23 45
26 lbs. dried apple to C. H. Melendy,	1 82
5 days work 5 00, 2 cords wood, 2 67,	7 67
1 3-4 cords wood to Jeremiah Crosby,	2 33
1 cord wood to S. Melendy,	1 33
Pasturing cow for John F. Hardy,	3 00
2 cords wood to Lorenzo Dow,	2 83
Wintering 4 sheep for Henry H. Philbrick,	4 00
Amount of property sold from farm,	<hr/> \$357 48

INVENTORY OF PROPETY ON HAND AT TOWN FARM, FEB'Y. 17,  
1864.

1 pair oxen, 145 00, 3 cows, 80 00, 1 two year old heifer, \$15 00,	240 00
1 pair two year old steers, 30 00, 2 calves, 13 00, 14 sheep, 42 00,	85 00
17 1-2 tons hay, 175 00, lot straw, 5 00, 9 hens 3 60 1 shoat, 10 00,	193 60



2 grindstones, 3 00, 1 cheese cupboard, 1 50, shovel and manure fork 2 00,	6 50
2 yokes, bows and irons, 3 00, 3 plows, 18 00, 5 axes and 3 hoes, 2 75	23 75
1 cart and fixtures, 28 00, 3 scythes and snaths, 1 50, 1 sled, 1 50,	30 50
1 drag, 1 00, 1 harrow, 3 00, 4 chains, (48 lbs.) 4 80 1 cheese press, 1 00,	9 80
45 galls soap, and bbls., 9 00, 5 bushels ashes and bbl., 1 00,	10 00
40 bush. oats, 28 00, 5 rakes and 2 forks, 2 00, 20 lbs. lead pipe, 1 60,	31 60
1000 shingles, 1 75, 1 bbl. cider, 2 50, lot turnips, 1 00, Wood box and tub, 1 50, pails and tin ware, 2 25, 20 tin pans, 2 40,	6 15
1 clasp, .75, 1 churn, 1 50, cook stove and pipe, 1 50,	17 25
1 box stove and pipe, 5 50, 1 fry pan and kettle, 1 00,	6 50
1 lantern, .60, 13 sheets, 4 pair pillow cases, 3 50, 3 towels, .45,	4 55
4 woolen blankets and 1 pair table cloths, 1 40, 3 pair footings, 1 50,	2 90
1 cage for Asa Chase, 3d, 10.00, 200 lbs pork, 25 00, 190 lbs. beef 10 45, bitt and stock, .70, 150 bush potatoes, 45 00,	35 00
49 lbs. dried apple, 3 43, 3 bbls. and tunnel, 2 50, 4 meat bbls. 2 75,	56 15
36 lbs tallow, 4 68, 50 lbs lard, 7 00, 1 bbl. flour, 8 75,	8 68
20 lbs. flour, .80, 140 sap pails, 13 00, 4 pails, .50,	20 43
1-2 bush. salt, 43, 3 tubs, 1 50, 2 brass kettles, 4 00 1 wash dish, .25,	14 30
70 lbs. maple sugar and tub, 9 00, 35 lbs. butter and tub, 9 00,	6 18
2 1-2 bush. peas 5 00, 1 peck beans, 75, 4 baskets, 1 00,	18 00
2 trays, .75, 1 sett of knives and forks, 1 13, 1 watch, 2 50,	6 75
3 1-2 doz. eggs and 1 lb. saleratus, 70, 1 chamber, 34,	4 38
68 cords wood, 45.00, 4 lbs. candles, .67, 1 razor, 25,	1 04
1 wood saw, 75, 1-3lb. tea, 50, lumber and logs, 26 00,	45 92
1-2 bush. meal .75, 1-2 doz. cups and saucers, 25, 1 doz. plates, 50,	27 25
1 mop stick, 10, 1 clothes line, 20, 1-2 doz. chains, 1 00,	1 50
1 bedstead, 1 00, 1 small sled, 1 00, iron wedges .75,	1 30
3 meal bags,	2 75
	.75

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 \$923 73

## PROPERTY ON HAND.

Amount of property on hand Feb. 22d, 1863,	791 04
Cash paid out from February 1863, to February, 1864, by John F. Hardy,	447 10
Interest on farm and stock, one year,	90 00
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	\$1.328 14

CR.—By cash for property sold from town farm,	\$357 48
By property now on hand,	923 73
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	\$1.281 21
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	\$46 93

Average No. paupers, 4. Cost per pauper per week, .22.

Paid out for Town Farm paupers,	\$447 10
paupers net on farm,	38 90
cash, county paupers,	365 00
cash paid A. & S. H. Edes,	5 00
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	\$856 00

Less—Sale from Poor Farm,	\$357 48
County of Sullivan,	365 00
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	\$722 48

Balance paid out,	\$133 52
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JOHN F. HARDY, *Overseer of the Poor.*

*Springfield, Feb. 23d, 1864.*



## REPORT

*Of the Superintending School Committee of the Town of Springfield, for the year ending March, 1864.*

The Superintending School Committee respectfully submit the following Report:

### DISTRICT No. 1.

Summer Term taught by Miss Sarah J. Harlow. This was in *every* respect a good school. Miss Harlow has the necessary qualification of a good teacher and the school improved rapidly under her care.

Winter Term taught by Mr. D. Ham Adams, who was amply qualified for his work, and did his duty faithfully. We congratulate this district upon having so good teachers the past year. Length of school in Summer, eight weeks; in Winter, eleven weeks. Number of scholars, Summer, 35; Winter, 28. Average attendance, Summer, 29; Winter, 22.

### DISTRICT No. 2.

Summer Term taught by Miss Fran Hill. This was Miss Hill's first effort in the interesting employment. The school was characterized by good order and good improvement was made.

Winter Term was taught by Miss Mary Ann Perley. This school commenced with the prospect of being a profitable one, and the teacher was amply qualified, yet for want of hearty cooperation on the part of *parents* and *scholars* the school was *not* as successful as was anticipated. Length of school in Summer, six weeks; number of scholars, 13; average attendance, Summer, 11; Winter, 12.

### DISTRICT No. 3.

Summer Term was taught by Miss Susan S. Johnson. The teacher worked hard and the order was good; but owing to "outside influences" the school was injured. Miss Johnson is one of our best teachers, and if she follows the calling, will be an honor to the profession.

The Winter Term was a profitable one taught by Mr. David B. Frye whose scholars imbibed very much of his zeal and energy, and made good progress. Length of school in Summer, seven weeks; Winter, six weeks. Number of scholars, Summer, 15; Winter, 22. Average attendance, 18.

### DISTRICT No. 5.

The district had two terms, both taught by Miss Juline M. Little, who gave good satisfaction, for she kept a good school, and good progress was

made. Miss L. is evidently one of our best teachers; and where a district gets such a one, my advice would be to retain their services as long as possible. Length of school in Summer, six weeks; Winter, ten weeks. Number of scholars, Summer, 17; Winter, 15. Average attendance, Summer, 11, Winter, 10.

#### DISTRICT No. 6.

Taught by Miss Hattie C. Thompson. The school, this term, was pleasant and profitable. There seemed to be a real desire on the part of both teacher and scholars, for the improvement of the school, and when this is the case, the progress cannot be otherwise than good.

Winter Term taught by Mr. Willard C. Kempton. The general appearance of this school was worthy of praise, and the recitations were very good. Length of school in Summer, six weeks; Winter, twelve weeks. Number of scholars, Summer, 6; Winter, 12. Average attendance, Summer, 6; Winter, 8.

#### DISTRICT No. 8.

Taught by Miss Mary Ann Perley. This was her first school and she succeeded very well. The scholars appeared interested in their studies and made good progress.

Winter Term taught by Miss Rachel S. Brown. I was not notified of its close, therefore cannot report progress made. The school opened favorably. Miss B. is a good teacher, and from what I can learn, she gave satisfaction.

Length of school in Summer, eight weeks; Winter, seven weeks. Number of scholars, Summer, 16; Winter, 17. Average attendance, Summer, 14; Winter, 16.

#### DISTRICT No. 9.

Summer Term taught by Miss Abbie J. Davis. This school appeared well. The stillness of this school was worthy of notice; the scholars manifested an interest in their studies and made good progress.

Winter Term was taught by Miss Ann McDaniel. The teacher was amply qualified to teach in the various branches and appeared willing to give instruction to her pupils. Length of school in Summer eight weeks; Winter, six weeks. Number of scholars, Summer, 28; Winter, 25. Average attendance, Summer, 22; Winter, 20.

#### DISTRICT NO. 10.

Summer Term was taught by Miss Ann McDaniel, who gave good satisfaction. Good order prevailed when we visited it, and good progress was made. She rules with sympathy and kindness, the two most powerful, controlling influences in the universe.

Winter Term was under the care of Mr. Gilman Colby. This was quite a good school, with but one or two exceptions; there was considerable confusion, but we make allowance in part for its being so large a school. This District has one of the best school rooms in town. Length of school in Summer, eleven weeks; Winter, nine weeks. Number of scholars, Summer, 35; Winter, 36. Average attendance, Summer, 24; Winter, 26.



## DISTRICT NO. 11.

Only one term in this District kept by Miss Sarah J. Harris. This was Miss H.'s first school, and she did quite well. Length of school in Summer, five weeks. Number of scholars, 10. Average attendance, 8.

## DISTRICT NO. 12.

Summer Term taught by Miss Sara J. Towle, during which term good order was secured at the expense of that kindness and sympathy we love to see, and the scholars made fair improvement.

Winter Term taught by Miss Abby F. Gay. The remarks for the first term are equally applicable for this. Length of school in Summer, six weeks ; Winter, eleven weeks. Number of scholars, Summer, 8 ; Winter, 15. Average attendance, Summer, 7 ; Winter, 12.

## DISTRICT NO. 13.

Summer Term taught by Miss Susan F. Quimby. This school was not satisfactory.

Fall Term taught by Miss Georgiana Harris. This school appeared well ; the scholars recited with promptness and decision ; the progress was good.

Length of school, Summer, five weeks ; Fall, ten weeks. Number of scholars, Summer, 27 ; Fall, 26. Average attendance, Summer, 20 ; Fall, 17.

## DISTRICT No. 14.

Miss Ella Winter had charge of the Summer school, which was kept in what was once a school-house. Improvement not as good as we could wish.

Fall Term was taught in that same old school-pen by Miss Elvira H. Johnson, and was, despite the place in which it was kept, a very good school, and good progress was made. Length of school. Summer, eight weeks ; Fall, seven weeks. Number of scholars, Summer, 12 ; Fall, 18.

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FELLOW CITIZENS: The subject of education is one of vast importance to each of us individually. The laws of the State place a great responsibility upon the Superintending Committee. He must judge of the qualifications of teachers ; and the law gives him the general superintendence of all the schools in town ; but there is a duty, quite as important that devolves upon parents and citizens of the district. I find that in some schools, the inhabitants have manifested quite an interest, have visited their schools and know how they are conducted ; but in others they have been too remiss. There is hardly a visitor's name in the Register. The parents should take more responsibility upon themselves, should visit their schools oftener, and know better how they are progressing. When a teacher is hired and placed in a school, in order to be entirely successful, he needs the cooperation and support of all the parents. If at any time a district imagines their teacher is not the best, it is better to aid and encourage, rather than condemn him, for he may possess the elements of an excellent teacher, which, if cultivated, will be developed, and he will become one of eminence and ability. I found by looking over

Registers, that the Prudential Committees of nearly half our schools, have not visited them even once. Is this because they have no care or anxiety for the success of our schools? No, not that. It is because too much of the responsibility is thrown upon the Superintending School Committee.

I would suggest, that Prudential Committees ought never to feel themselves under any obligation to employ a person because they were the first to apply; but engage only such as they are well assured are competent to govern and control the school, and exert over the minds under their care an influence that shall be promotive of good in all time to come. Some may ask, What constitutes a good teacher? to which we would reply—To teach well the teacher must love his profession. His object and aim must be to do good, and not merely to obtain a trifling compensation. He must endeavor to promote the welfare of his pupils by all possible means, sparing neither time or labor for their improvement, and, at last, while engaged in teaching he should make this secondary to no other pursuit. No foreign subject should engross too much of his attention, no other exercise exhaust the strength and vigor requisite in the school-room. Yet the teacher must study. He must make earnest improvement. Few who stand still themselves can lead their pupils onward successfully. Not only must he increase his stock of knowledge, but he must be better able to impart instruction. Each successive day should make him wiser and better than the preceding, more capable of instructing his pupils and awakening in them a deeper thirst for the waters of knowledge. In short, the good teacher is one who is interested in his work, and who will awaken a corresponding interest in both pupils and citizens; whose influence is daily strengthening, and whose usefulness is every day becoming more decisive. He will teach principles, and thus travel on the sunny side of the hill of science. As the teacher so is the school; the former will impress his own character upon the latter, and if he be energetic and accomplished, will inspire his pupils to a certain degree with the same ardor and enthusiasm, making them not only better scholars but better men and women for having enjoyed his instruction.

I have not thought proper to recommend any change in our school books. There may be some changes that would be for the best, but the series in use are good, and in the present depressed condition of all kinds of business, I have thought it best to practise economy in this matter, as well as others, if our schools will not be injured thereby.

I have already said more than I intended, in these general remarks, but if I have said anything that will be the means of creating more interest in our schools, I shall be amply rewarded.

In conclusion, fellow citizens, I would return you my thanks for the confidence you have placed in me. I have endeavored to do my duty in a manner acceptable to you, and if I have succeeded I shall be content.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

DANIEL P. QUIMBY.